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In the Claims:

1.-31. (Cancelled)

32. (Currently amended) A flashlight comprising:

- a lamp;
- a power storage element;
- a first input device;
- a second input device;
- an electronic controller;
- the controller having a first switch input operably connected to the first input device;
- the controller having a second switch input connected to the second input device;
- the controller being operable in response to operation of the first input device to deliver power to the lamp;
- the controller being operable in response to a signal received from the second switch input device to establish a degree of the delivered power, such that the second switch input device determines a brightness of the lamp; and
- wherein the flashlight is an elongated body defining an axis, and the second switch input device is a ring rotatable about the axis.

33. (Previously Presented) The flashlight of claim 32 wherein the first input device includes an on-off switch.
34. (Previously Presented) The flashlight of claim 32 wherein the first input device is positioned on a tail cap at an end of the elongated body opposite the lamp.
35. (Previously Presented) The flashlight of claim 32 wherein the first input device includes an actuator button operable in response to pressure in line with the axis of the body.
36. (Previously Presented) The flashlight of claim 32 wherein the second input device encircles the body.

37. (Previously Presented) The flashlight of claim 32 wherein the second input device is positioned at an intermediate position along the length of the body.
38. (Previously Presented) The flashlight of claim 32 wherein the body defines an elongated battery chamber, and the first input device and the controller are at opposed ends of the battery chamber.
39. (Previously Presented) The flashlight of claim 32 wherein the body defines an elongated battery chamber, and the second input device and the controller are at a common end of the battery chamber.
40. (Currently amended) A flashlight comprising:
- a lamp;
 - a power storage element;
 - a first input device;
 - a second input device;
 - an electronic controller;
 - the controller having a first switch input operably connected to the first input device;
 - the controller having a second switch input connected to the second input device;
 - the controller being operable in response to operation of the first input device to deliver power to the lamp;
 - the controller being operable in response to a signal received from the second ~~switch~~ input device to establish a degree of the delivered power, such that the second ~~switch~~ input device determines a brightness of the lamp; and
 - wherein the first input device is positioned on a tail cap at an end of the ~~an~~ elongated body opposite the lamp.
41. (Previously Presented) The flashlight of claim 40 wherein the first input device includes an on-off switch.

42. (Currently amended) The flashlight of claim 40 wherein the flashlight is an elongated body defining an axis, and the second ~~switch~~ input device is a ring rotatable about the axis.
43. (Currently amended) The flashlight of claim 40 wherein the first input device includes an actuator button operable in response to pressure in line with the an axis of the body.
44. (Previously Presented) The flashlight of claim 40 wherein the second input device encircles the body.
45. (Previously Presented) The flashlight of claim 40 wherein the second input device is positioned at an intermediate position along the length of the body.
46. (Previously Presented) The flashlight of claim 40 wherein the body defines an elongated battery chamber, and the first input device and the controller are at opposed ends of the battery chamber.
47. (Previously Presented) The flashlight of claim 40 wherein the body defines an elongated battery chamber, and the second input device and the controller are at a common end of the battery chamber.
48. (Currently amended) A flashlight comprising:
- a lamp;
 - a power storage element;
 - a first input device;
 - a second input device;
 - an electronic controller;
 - the controller having a first switch input operably connected to the first input device;
 - the controller having a second switch input connected to the second input device;
 - the controller being operable in response to operation of the first input device to deliver power to the lamp;
 - the controller being operable in response to a signal received from the second ~~switch~~

input device to establish a degree of the delivered power, such that the second ~~switch~~ input device determines a brightness of the lamp; and

wherein the controller is operable to provide sustained illumination of the lamp at a limited first brightness level in response to application of a limited first degree of axial force in a first direction to one of the first and second input devices, and to maintain illumination of the lamp in response to cessation of the force.

49. (Previously Presented) The flashlight of claim 48 wherein the controller is operable while providing sustained illumination after cessation of the force to cease illumination in response to a second application of axial force in the first direction to one of the first and second input devices.

50. (Currently amended) The flashlight of claim 48 wherein the first input device is positioned on a tail cap at an end of ~~the~~ an elongated body opposite the lamp.

51. (Currently amended) The flashlight of claim 48 ~~wherein the body defines~~ including a body defining an elongated battery chamber, and wherein the first input device and the controller are at opposed ends of the battery chamber.